

REMARKS

Any fees that may be due in connection with this application throughout its pendency may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1213.

In the Drawings

The amendments to the drawings correct obvious typographical errors and find basis in the specification. In particular, the amendment to Figures 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 10, 14B-D, and 15-18 correct minor shading errors. The amendment to Figure 3 adds an inadvertently omitted column of circles to produce a 96-well plate. The amendment finds basis in Figure 3 in which the exemplary plate is a 96-well plate. Formal Drawings incorporating these amendments were filed on January 9, 2002. No new matter has been added.

In the Specification

The specification is amended to correct obvious typographical and spelling errors and to produce grammatical clarity. The amendment to the paragraphs beginning on page 1, line 20, through page 2, line 16, of the specification adds the inadvertently omitted phrase "there is an" and deletes the article "the" for grammatical clarity. The amendment to the paragraph on page 4, lines 13-30, of the specification adds the inadvertently omitted verb phrase "are provided" for grammatical clarity. The amendment to the paragraph on page 5, lines 21-27, of the specification adds the inadvertently omitted article "an" for grammatical clarity. The amendment to the paragraph on page 6, lines 7-16, of the specification deletes the conjunction "and" for grammatical clarity. The amendment to the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 30, through page 7, line 5, of the specification deletes the preposition "by" for grammatical clarity. The amendment to the paragraphs beginning on page 8, line 13, through page 9, line 24, of the specification deletes the second occurrence of the word "reaction"; deletes the second occurrence of the word "performed"; and adds the inadvertently omitted conjunction "and" for grammatical clarity. The amendment to the paragraphs beginning on page 10, line 4, through page 12, line 14, of the specification deletes the second occurrence of the word

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"there" for grammatical clarity. The amendment to the paragraphs beginning on page 16, line 15, through page 18, line 28, of the specification deletes the second occurrence of the word "any" for grammatical clarity. The amendment to the paragraphs beginning on page 19, line 23, through page 20, line 17, of the specification adds the inadvertently omitted preposition "on" for grammatical clarity. The amendment to the paragraphs beginning on page 20, line 30, through page 22, line 2, of the specification deletes the second occurrence of the article "the" for grammatical clarity. The amendment to the paragraphs beginning on page 50, line 14, through page 51, line 14, of the specification deletes the second occurrence of the preposition "to" for grammatical clarity. The amendment to the paragraph on page 57, lines 17-31, of the specification deletes the second occurrence of the word "following" for grammatical clarity. The amendment to the paragraphs beginning on page 58, line 10, through page 59, line 2, of the specification deletes the preposition "to" for grammatical clarity. The amendment to the paragraphs on page 60, lines 1-21, of the specification deletes the second occurrence of the article "the" for grammatical clarity. The amendment to the paragraphs beginning on page 74, line 14, through page 75, line 24, of the specification deletes the second occurrence of the article "the" for grammatical clarity. The amendment to the paragraph beginning on page 98, line 30, through page 99, line 17, of the specification adds the inadvertently omitted phrase "of times" for grammatical clarity. The amendment to the paragraph beginning on page 109, line 18, through page 110, line 5, of the specification adds the inadvertently omitted author "Kay" to the reference manual cited therein. The amendment finds basis at page 91, line 11, of the specification which states that "Kay" is the author of the reference manual. No new matter has been added.

In the Claims

The amendments to claims 1, 16, 44, and 98 correct minor typographical errors and produce grammatical clarity. The amendment to claim 38 deletes the article "an" for grammatical clarity. The amendment to claim 45 deletes the

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preposition "to" for grammatical clarity and replaces "FA" with —FA_s—. The amendment finds basis in the formula listed in claim 45. The amendment to claim 46 deletes the preposition "to" for grammatical clarity. The amendment to claim 67 corrects minor typographical errors, replaces the second occurrence of the letter "b)" with the letter —c)—, and replaces the letter "c)" with the letter —d)— for proper sequential lettering of the claim elements. The amendment to claim 68 replaces the letter "d)" with the letter —e)— for proper sequential lettering of the claim element. The amendment to claim 72 corrects a claim dependency error. The amendment to claim 88 adds the inadvertently omitted verb "is" for grammatical clarity. The amendment to claim 94 adds the inadvertently omitted word "wherein" for grammatical clarity. No new matter has been added.

In the Abstract

The amendment to the Abstract corrects a minor typographical error. No new matter has been added.

Included as an attachment is a marked-up version of the specification paragraphs that are being amended, per 37 CFR §1.121.

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Entry of this amendment and examination of the application are respectfully requested.

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